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## Cash Prizes to be Given In Drive

### SENIORS ATTRACTED BY OUTSIDE FIELD

#### SEVERAL TO TRAVEL

#### Other Graduates to Continue Pursuit of Learning at Shaker

Approximately half the Senior A class, which finishes its fourth year of high school this semester, is leaving for outside activities. The balance of the class will take up post-graduate work at Shaker.

Those who will attend college are Charles Blake—Cornell; Marshall Stalley—University of Pennsylvania; Bob Kuenhold—Cleveland College and Cleveland School of Art; James Taylor—Ohio University; Marion Brown—Western Reserve; Lynn Wilford and Robert Snell—Fenn; Ruth Stockhaus and Elsie Kelley—business school.

Dan Bricker will be on a United Fruit Company steamer, running between New York and South America, Stephen Hoover is going to Arizona, Jack Brookhart will work until fall, and Rosemary Disbro plans to "go places and do things."

### NATIONAL HONOR SOON WILL HOLD INITIATION

On February 1, one of the most important and colorful events of the school year will take place. The National Honor Society initiation, which means so much to the chosen few, will be held at Plymouth Church, and will be a spectacle well worth seeing.

In the last few issues of the *Shakerite*, articles have appeared describing the requisites for membership in the Society, and every student should know, by this time, what that membership stands for. Character, service, scholarship, leadership—these are the necessary virtues. The pin of the society is a keystone, symbolizing knowledge, with the initial letters of each of the requirements grouped around the base.

The Shaker chapter of the National Honor Society was chartered in May, 1925, and ever since that date these initiations, which take place twice a year, have been honoring those worthy of recognition.

### SENIORS TO LEAVE AS SEMESTER ENDS



The senior A class, which is graduating in February, has distinguished itself in many fields, especially in that of scholarship.

During the past year, its homeroom average has remained consistently above eighty-five percent, thus giving it permanent possession of the

honor plaque for the past semester.

The officers of the class are as follows: Stephen Hoover, President; Janet Eichman, Vice-President; Charles Blake, Secretary-Treasurer; Jack Brookhart, Social Chairman; Marshall Stalley, homeroom representative.

### SCRIBBLERS ARE RECEIVED BY WELL-KNOWN WRITER

While New Year greetings echoed in the air, the Scribblers were graciously received in the home of John French Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a prominent Cleveland poet as well as an outstanding lawyer, and the Scribblers were greatly honored by having the opportunity of being his guests for so delightful an evening.

Mr. Wilson read selections of his poetry, first commenting on the poems and describing their inspiration. His selections varied from the barbaric tom-tom rhythm of primitive man and the dignified movement of an ancient Egyptian theme to the quiet atmosphere of a Friends' meeting house and charming lyrics of childhood.

Refreshments were served when his reading was over, after which a serious discussion of poetry began.

### COMPETITORS CHOSEN FOR POETRY READING CONTEST

All out for the reading contest! Mr. Sargent is sponsoring this event, which will be held some time in the near future.

The members of every English class have been tested throughout the semester for their reading ability. Points which contributed toward the final selection included pronunciation, enunciation, rapidity, and ease of the person in standing. The four best readers were chosen from each class, and these people will compete.

Miss Wickwire and the English department have co-operated with Mr. Sargent in choosing five readings. A copy of each selection will be given to the contestants a week before the final reading. Until the moment of the contest, no reader will know which selection has been chosen for him to read.

### SHAKERITE STAGES BURNING CAMPAIGN

#### COUNCIL OFFERS PRIZE

#### Homerooms With Biggest Gain, First 100%, Win Money

Ready to renew your *Shakerite* subscription? You had better be, because this coming semester's campaign, to be staged February 9-13, will be the greatest in the *Shakerite's* history. As an incentive to homeroom competition and proper homeroom cooperation, the Student Council offers two cash prizes: a prize of \$10.00 to the homeroom which first gets a 100% subscription, and a prize of \$5.00 to the homeroom which has the greatest increase.

Just think what \$10.00 would do for a homeroom. Take a room of thirty students. Divided among the

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### D. A. R. OFFERS AWARD FOR PATRIOTIC ESSAY

The Moses Cleveland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is offering a prize for the best essay of one thousand words on the subject: "Well-Conducted Homes—the Foundation of Good Government." Any high school girl is eligible for competition.

An essay on this subject must necessarily be original as there is no authority which may be consulted unless perhaps an early American history.

If this subject does not appeal, the topic: "Abigail Adams—A Good Home Maker," may be used in its stead. The subject would call for an interesting discussion of a well-known character whose history could easily be studied.

All essays should be submitted to Mrs. W. B. Neff, 2561 Coventry Road, by February 1. The prize-winning essay will be submitted for a state prize of ten dollars, and that winning essay will be in turn entered in a national contest.

This contest offers an excellent outlet for the talent of the history student and will probably bring to light much latent ability.



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## AGAIN WE ASK

Yes, gentle friends, we are about to wage another campaign for *Shakerite* subscriptions.

We trust that the issues which you have already received have made such a good impression that the thought of giving up the *Shakerite* would almost break your heart. It's rather tiresome, you know, digging up a lot of statistics and bringing up the old appeal about responsibility to your school, so we are hoping that the *Shakerite* has spoken for itself.

If you are laboring under the delusion that it is an easy job to get out a paper like the *Shakerite*, we beg you to drop in some afternoon when the staff is rushing around at top speed and then draw your own conclusions. We get a big thrill out of turning out the *Shakerite*, though, when we know that it is going to get an enthusiastic reception.

Therefore, all our long speech has brought us to the one point: If you want to be a really public-spirited citizen of Shaker, have your fifty cents on hand when your homeroom representative asks for it.

## LADIES FIRST

Another young lady gives her opinion in no uncertain terms, and contributes it for publication.

"You young men make me tired! You talk about the calcimine on the girls' faces; why don't you pay any attention to the girls who don't use it? They probably don't care anyhow, but the fact remains that your actions are somewhat inconsistent with your remarks.

"You only care about a girl's looks and not what she really is. (Not that you ever would know what she really is). If the girls were that way, it would be just too bad. (Here the young lady intimates that the boys have nothing much to offer. Sorry we didn't have space for all of it.—The Editor.)

Did you boys ever think how terrible your manners are? You don't care what happens to the girls so long as you are able to satisfy yourselves. Once there was a saying called "Ladies First." Think it over and see if you know what it means. My advice to you is to *try* to be polite!

## THE GADABOUT

Things you wouldn't even suspect: Ruth Stockhaus yearns to be a model.

Miss Hollon's secret passion is Graham crackers.

Miss Whittlesey hates to have her picture taken.

Iris Goldberg is an accomplished pianist, classical, if you please.

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Bob Bell is aching to buy Mr. Thraillkill a new "Chev," but "Bus" put his foot down firmly (Ow!) and said "No, the present one will have to do."

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And speaking about study halls—213 has become a lounge for stray dogs. "Let sleeping dogs lie," is Miss Sellers' motto.

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## OUR HALL OF FAME

May we recommend, for a niche in the Hall of Fame, Ralston "Fox" Smith. Ralston has gone through four years of high school unscratched by education. Indeed he is the same simple little lad that mama shipped off to school that memorable day four years ago. Oh, oh, that most memorable day, Ralston was wearing his first pair of long pants, and he was even contemplating a mustache.

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Believe it or not, but we have some real, honest-to-goodness contributions. And do we love 'em! We treasure them like gold leaf (with apologies to Miss Ely). They'll be in this column and the ones to come. Comments and suggestions always welcomed—also contributions.

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What with all the new Christmas perfume and ties there's been so much sweetness and light radiating around here that we feel almost virtuous. But some of the wild hankies and ties make us pause and reconsider. Then when we look at the socks we decide we don't feel virtuous at all. It's only because we're so sleepy that we even dared to think it.

Maybe somebody would donate a cot that would fit in the study hall aisle so we could get our sleep caught up. Dear! dear!

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After helping a playmate write a letter to an alumna (in return for help with the spelling in this column) we feel benevolent or magnanimous or whatever it is. Imagine! a letter to an alumna! Start the New Year write, eh?

## LITERARY

### Giants in the Earth—Rolvaag

"To those of my people who took part in the great settling, to them and their generations, I dedicate this narrative."—Rolvaag.

Wide, fertile plans that were barren of life spread out before them, beautiful in desolation. On the bright, clear horizon there appeared a cloud that menaced and grew, against which they constantly fought, ignoring their inner qualms. Before them they saw a happy, prosperous future, full of the beauties of abundant nature in that they live, forcing the perfidious present into oblivion. For their generations they suffered. The clouds expanded, ominous, relentless, impartial.

The book is palpably European in its art and atmosphere, but distinctly American in its subject. Rolvaag, in contrast to the American interest in plot and incident, places his emphasis on psychology, in the unfolding of character. The dominant motive of his story is the revealing of the deeper side of pioneer life by showing the distress of all who could not take root in the new soil. He cares little for the glamour and romance built up around the settlers. This treatment reflects something of the gloomy fatalism of the Norse mind, but it does not swerve from realism by enlargement and exaggeration of unpleasant situations. With an unerring choice of simple human detail he softens the brutality, although the march toward inevitable tragedy is uninterrupted.

There is throughout the book a slow, sad rhythm, the music of the cumbersome ox-drawn wagons. As one reads one feels the desire to cry out, to protest against that inevitable tragedy, swinging steadily and monotonously nearer; but then the beauty of the place, the goodness and utter simplicity of the people soothe one into temporary relaxation and submission. No greater harm can come to them, fine and trusting as they are. But is it not the brave and faithful who suffer doubly for the weak and skeptical? So the cloud grows larger, blacker, more menacing. Finally it strikes. The carnivorous greed of the prairies is appeased with the lives of two great and infinitely good men.

—Virginia Tyler, 12B.

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What an imagination Miss Morris's Latin class must have! It translates "rapuit et manu celeri scribam" as "he killed the clerk with a handful of celery."

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Mr. Clark has decided to carry with him a box of reinforcements which he can give to girls whose stockings choose to run. Give him a hand, girls!

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

Edward France, '25, a former honor student at the University of Pennsylvania, is now in business for himself.

Ruth Harvey, '29, is on the business staff of the *Reserve Weekly*.

Josephine Harrold, of the same class, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi at Wesleyan.

Marjorie Engert, '30, at Principia, is a member of the glee club and the Women's Organization. She received honor grades in English and French during the quarterly exams.

Florence Willsey, '30, Denison, is a member of Chi Omega.

Gertrude Wenger, '30, has been pledged to Alpha Phi Sorority at Denison University.

Helen Nightingale, '28, of Sweet Briar, took part in the college minstrel show on December 18.

Elizabeth Curtis, '28, received a baseball numeral for the work she did on the junior class team. Elizabeth is a student at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mary Louise Bailey, '30, recently sang in the choir at Lake Erie College.

Dorothea Speith, '21, is on the staff of *Time*, the weekly news magazine. While at Shaker, Dorothea, who worked on the staff of the *Shakerite*, went to school in the old Town Hall, which was the only institution of learning in the village at that time. She attended Smith College for four years, then worked on a newspaper for a week. After a year of science at the University of Wisconsin, she secured a position in Cleveland with *Time*, checking the accuracy of articles for the magazine. When the offices moved to New York, she went with them, and is now editor of the science and animal columns.

## STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN COMPETITION

Take notice seniors and juniors! If you have a great deal of scholastic ability, capacity of leadership, and force of character lying latent, then why not let us see it? If you think you qualify, then you should see Mr. Patin immediately.

Scholastic awards, ranging in value from three hundred dollars to two thousand dollars, are being offered by the following colleges: Miami, Lafayette, Chicago University, Mills, and Oberlin College. All are first ranking schools. They require that candidates rank in the upper half to third of their graduation class.

Two Shaker girls recently received awards at Oberlin College. Why should not some other Shaker students receive similar awards? Come on, people, and bring your hidden talents to the front!



## LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS SUBJECT FOR CONTEST

### Examination Offers Excellent Opportunity to Student of History

On March 20, 1931, there is to be a nation-wide examination on the League of Nations for which all the students from any high school in the United States are eligible. The examination questions will be based on "An Eleven Year Review of the League of Nations." The examinations will be held at the high schools.

The first national prize will be a trip to Europe. In addition to visiting such places as Paris, London, Le Louvre, the Tower, Westminster, and Notre Dame, some days will be spent at Geneva studying the League of Nations. Besides this trip, the second and third prizes are to be \$100 and \$50 respectively. Also, some local prizes are to be awarded.

The prizes are all worth while, and many students of Shaker are interested. Any one desiring to enter the contest should get in touch with Miss Wickwire.

## PLAYERS TO PRESENT CAPE COD MELODRAMA

The second production of the current season of the Shaker Village Players is *My Son* a recent starring vehicle of the famous actress Nazimova. The dates set for the performances are February 16, 17, 18, in the high school auditorium.

This play is a melodrama of the life of Cape Cod. It abounds in ample chance for varied characterizations. It is a gripping story, but not without humorous angles. Helen Watkins, who played Lulu Bett in the play of that name last year, will be the mother in *My Son*. Her capabilities will insure a forceful portrayal. James Cook, who has been seen in productions of the Junior Theatre Guild, will play the son.

### EXAM SCHEDULE

Finals exams start the week of January 26 with the following schedule.

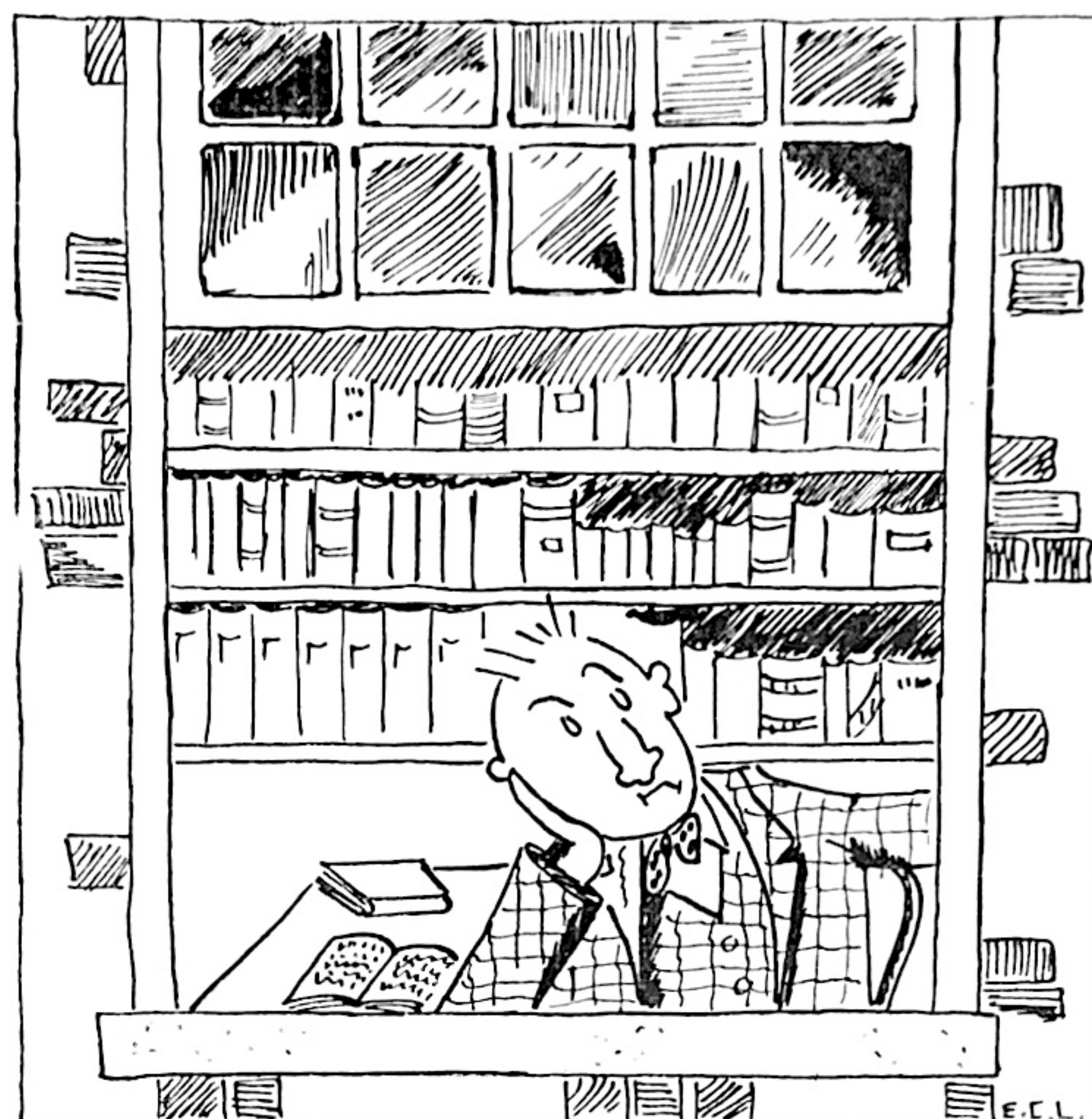
Monday, 26th:  
English—8:30 A. M.  
History—1:15 P. M.

Tuesday, 27th:  
Mathematics—8:30 A. M.  
Latin—1:15 P. M.

Wednesday, 28th:  
Science—8:30 A. M.  
French—1:15 P. M.

Thursday, 29th:  
German—8:30 A. M.  
All Commercial Work—  
1:15 P. M.

## HELPFUL EXAM HINTS GIVEN TO STUDENTS



"Well, I'm back!" the exam-book whispered gleefully in my ear the other day. Cheerful little fellow, isn't he, that blank (oh, so very) blank blue book. Anyhow, he's due again, and no matter how exuberant he may be about it, ye editor cannot help wishing that this were the Fourth of July, or something very un-blue-booky!

But, as usual, doing his bit for the school, he offers, from personal experience these directions to the frosh, and the students at large:

1. Be sure to remove the clips which hold the book together when you have finished writing your exam. Teachers invariably experience a thrill when "the pages of the book flutter like stained flower petals around their feet!"

2. Comment variously to your nearest neighbor on the weather, your last Sunday's date, the difficulties the exams may present, and the prohibition question. This all makes for a pleasant atmosphere.

3. Throw spit-balls, or what you will. For, of all times of the year, this one is most propitious for these amusements of a lighter variety.

4. Answer the last question first, and the first question last. You can jumble the ones in between as much as you like. This method is known as the new futuristic movement and adds *éclat* (of course I don't know what it means, you big bully!) to my paper.

After it's all over, aspirin is your best bet. But, anyhow, remember—we're for ourselves—here's to us! May we all pass!

### LATIN DEPARTMENT PLANS SEMESTER CLASS IN OVID

Mr. Patin and Miss Dilley are planning a Latin class in Ovid for the second semester. This class would serve a double purpose, as a college board class for seniors having four years of Latin to their credit, and as an accommodation for those who are through with Cicero but do not form a large enough group to continue with Virgil.

Ovid's works consist of short stories in verse, dealing with mythology. This course is usually given in college, but it is also well suited for high schools.

### DEBATING CLUB WILL STUDY FORMAL ART WITH TEACHER

The Debating Club, after two debates, has finally decided that points for and against *Russia's Five Year Plan* are about even.

An important meeting was held on Thursday, January 15. The question was: Resolved that the United States should take the initiative in organizing the nations of America into a Pan-American federation for defensive trade.

The club is now preparing to study formal debating under the coaching of Mr. Morris.

Much interest has been shown in the work which the club has been doing.

## HONOR ROLL REVEALS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

### Seventeen Additional Names Appear on This Month's Honor List

How we Shakerites did gape at the two sheets of names which took the place of the regular one-page honor role this month! Just seventeen more swelled heads were added to last month's one hundred forty-seven.

But, though the honorable mention was increased by nineteen, the honor roll lost two of its sages. The girls, of course, were responsible for both. The advance in honorable mention was largely due to an addition of thirteen on the part of the girls, though they allowed the boys to progress one over November's honor role.

On the honor role for December, about sixty-seven per cent were girls and thirty-three per cent boys. The honorable mention shows sixty-five per cent to be girls and thirty-five per cent boys.

## SENIORS VIE TO RAISE STANDARD OF READING

The seniors are becoming acquainted with current literature and meeting many modern authors through the medium of the best magazines and novels. They are vying with each other in bringing up their standard of reading.

The literary escalator, through which they are measuring their advance, has four divisions: injurious books, harmless and fascinating books, good literature, and superior literature. Several boys boast that they have stepped from the lowest level to the highest and enjoy the superior literature.

*The Purple Land* by Hudson has been popular among boys who enjoy the glamour of adventure in foreign lands, while others have yielded to the lure of *Marco Polo*. *Jalna*, *Giants of the Earth*, *Death Comes to the Archbishop*, and *The Cathedral* have also lent interest to class room discussions.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

No Defense .....	February 2
In the Headlines..	February 5
Greyhound Ltd. .	February 10
Comedy: Uncle Tom .....	February 13
Land of Silver Fox.....	February 16
The Sap.....	February 19
The Terror .....	February 24
From Headquarters .....	February 27
The Hottentot .....	March 4
On Trial .....	March 9
Kid Gloves .....	March 12
The Arsoyle Case....	March 17
Comedy .....	March 20
Noah's Ark .....	March 23



## SHAKER NEARS E. C. C. TITLE BY BIG VICTORY OVER MAPLE HEIGHTS

### Red and White Team Shows Superior Team Work in 59-19 Chalk-up

The Shaker varsity drove on toward the conference title in its third straight win, by defeating Maple Heights 59-19. Shaker, resplendent in new black sweat suits, had the game won from the start.

In the first quarter, Shaker scored twenty-one points against Maple Heights' three. Shaker kept ahead throughout the whole game, and in the last quarter managed to triple the opponent's score.

During the second period Shaker's little captain, Bill Comella, was put out of the game. We're sorry it happened, Bill, better luck next time! Incidentally some one stole the spare tire from Bill's auto during the game, which event completed an unpleasant evening for Bill. Ralph Day took Comella's job for the rest of the game and handled it well.

Wally Quayle led the scoring with sixteen points to his credit. Ted Lerman was second with fifteen.

The Shaker second team won its first game 22 to 3. During the middle of the final period of the varsity tussle, Coach Brubaker put in his whole second team.

## SHAKER TOPS BEDFORD BY ONE BASKET LEAD

The red and white, in one of the most exciting basketball games it has played in the past few years, conquered its bitter enemy, Bedford, by one basket. Shaker turned the tables on Bedford this season, for last year the boys from the corn fields managed to give Shaker a lacing which she won't forget.

The Shaker quintet, although unaccustomed to the small floor at Bedford, never has worked better as a team. "Fox" Smith was the high point scorer and star of the game. "Fox", who is a husky center, has shown great strides of improvement each week. Keep it up, Smitty! The rest of the varsity, namely, Corey, Quayle, Lerman, and Comella, fought as hard as they ever did on the gridiron.

At the end of the half, the Shaker quintet led the Bedford boys by a narrow margin which the home team could not overcome. The last quarter was the most exciting as both teams realized the short length of time left.

The Shaker scrubs lost to a better Bedford five by a large score.

We want to mention here the fine school spirit and support that Bedford had at the game.

## ART YOUNG LECTURES ON USE OF BOW



Art Young

On Tuesday, January 6, Arthur Young, African and Alaskan hunter, visited Shaker. Mr. Young uses the bow and arrow in all his hunting except in emergencies when time is so short that the use of a gun is required.

Many of us had the idea that the bow was impractical and weak compared to the rifle, but when we saw him pierce more than the thickness of the side of a box with a blunt arrow, we realized the power in such a weapon. Several of the slides showed how the arrows had entered the beast and were actually protruding from the opposite side.

Mr. Young pointed out that a true sportsman does not thrill to the quantity of the kill as much as to the chase itself. The sportsman should kill only for food or because the animal is destructive.

## G. A. A. BEGINS WINTER SPORTS WITH SKATING

Last week another of the G. A. A. special sports, skating, began. When the weather permits, it will be out-of-doors, otherwise at the Elysium. No one is allowed to skate without a permit from home.

Basketball squads and captains have been picked. From these squads first and second teams will be chosen. The inter-class games will be played in February.

## RULES GIVEN FOR CONTEST WHICH WILL END CAMPAIGN (Continued from Page 1)

members it would give thirty cents to each. You could add it to your allowance. You could pay a whole week's admission to the movies. You could apply it to your subscription and reduce it to twenty cents. Imagine getting seven issues of the *Shakerite* for three cents a copy. It certainly is a prize worth working for.

The following regulations govern the contest:

- No subscriptions can be paid for until the homeroom period of the day of the contest.
- Contest closes at 8:45 that day.
- The homeroom which first gets 100% and hands the money to Mr. Thrailkill during the fifteen-minute period, wins the prize.
- To win the first prize everyone on the homeroom enrollment list must subscribe. The second prize is open only to homerooms which were not 100% last semester.

Don't lose this opportunity. Remember the prizes are \$10 and \$5. When the morning for the sale arrives, see to it that your homeroom is the first to reach the 100% goal.

## CLOSE GAME PROMISED BY TIFF WITH CENTRAL

To-night Shaker plays Euclid Central at Moreland gymnasium. It promises to be a very interesting game, with plenty of excitement. Central, although it has not won many games this year, always puts up a good fight against Shaker, her old rival.

Shaker has been doing unusually well this year, under the careful guidance of a smooth-working, hard-fighting team out of comparatively inexperienced material.

Shaker students have shown wonderful cooperation with the team this year, and if they continue to do so, the team promises to bring home a pennant.

## TRACK PRACTICE TO START SOON AFTER EXAM WEEK

Indoor track practice, we learn from Manager Harry Matzen, will get under way soon after exams. The boys will be training hard with visions of making a strong showing in the coming annual C. A. C. indoor meet at Public Hall.

The sprints should be well covered with Fox Smith and Henry Merle in the running. Ted Lerman's services will fill in very nicely for the middle distance runs, that is, if his baseball itch doesn't over-power him. Henry Srsen and Morrie Eigenfeld ought to show strength in the longer treks. Gordy Wagner is being banked upon for the hurdles, and Joe Hacker, Joey Kuhner, and Ed Swatek will take care of several field events.

From this it can be seen that there will be many openings for recruits.

## SHAKER DIMS CHANCES FOR CONFERENCE LEAD WITH DEFEAT BY BRUSH

### Red and White Stages Heated Rally but Loses by 29-19 Score

Last Friday night Brush succeeded in pushing Shaker out of first place in the Eastern Greater Cleveland Conference race, by a score of 29-19. The final score is not indicative of the closeness of the battle.

Brush started the scoring and gained an early lead of eight points. Shaker however managed to score three points before the end of the quarter. The second quarter was a repetition of the first, the half ending with Brush leading 17-8.

In the third quarter, the Shaker team showed its real fighting spirit with Comella leading a brilliant rally. The battle reached the peak of excitement for Shaker rooters when Corey sank a long shot to make the score 18-17 in favor of Shaker.

At this point an unsportsmanlike act on the part of a spectator gave Brush a technical foul, which upset the morale of our team. Although the team fought bitterly to the end, it was a discouraged five, and the game ended with the final score of 29-19 for Brush.

## SYRACUSE VISITED BY H. R. GLOBE-TROTTERS

Dear Folks:

You should have seen us in Syracuse! We all decorated ourselves with the fuzzy papyrus tops. We looked like drum-majors as we sailed gaily down the Cyane river discovering things.

There are three most interesting ruins in the city. First, the stone quarries, dating from the time of the early Greeks. To-day, they are merely stone walls hung with shrubbery so dense that only in patches does the sun shine through.

Next, is the lovely Greek theatre—almost intact. And last, the Roman amphitheatre, which must have had hard usage, judging from its condition.

The next city was Laormina—"The Pearl of Sicily." To get a lodging for the night was impossible, because, this being the height of the season, the place is cluttered up with kings and queens! But even a day of this beautiful city was adventure, and not for the world would we have missed seeing the fragrant, pink, almond trees which are blossoming now.

We were all like Alices in this exquisite Wonderland, but, listen though we would, not one queen was heard to shout—"Off with their heads!"